Permission for operating cable, star T.V. in sector VII and VIII in R.K. Puram, New Delhi

4314. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that commercial Star T.V. and Cable T.V.s are functioning at present in Sectors VII and VIII in R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether the operators have taken any permission to function this system in Government quarters;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by Government in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against those who are running such business in Government quarters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Cable T.V. was reported to be functioning from two Government quarters, one each in Sector VII and Sector VIII, R. K. Puram, New Delhi, and connections had been taken to other quarters.

(b) No permission had been taken from the Central Public Works Department for this purpose.

(c) No survey was conducted.

(d) The concerned allottees were directed to demolish the unauthorised installations of dish antenna.

Resentment ammong the villagers over the threatened loss of fertile land

4315. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious concern and resentment amongst the local residents/villagers over the threatened loss of fertile land for pie pavav power project in Gujarat as reported in the "Economic Times" of the 5th October, 1992; and

(b) whether Government would ensure protection of the interest of local farmers and fishermen and safeguard their welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The State Government has informed that they are aware of the problem in this regard.

(b) Adequate compensation would be given by the Government of Gujarat to land-losers under the Land Acquisition Act.

Allocation for rural electrification

4316. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the amount allocated for rural electrification for the year 1992-93 and 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): An amount of Rs. 761.72 crores (including State Plan) has been allocated for rural electrification work for the year 1992-93. The Annual Plan for rural electrification for the year 1993-94 is yet to be finalised.

दुर्गापुर तथा बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्रों को बिजली की अपर्याप्त आपूर्ति

4317. **श्री गया सिंह** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दामोदर घाटी निगम ने वर्ष 1992 के दौरान दुर्गापुर तथा बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्रों को अपेक्षित मात्रा में बिजली की आपूर्ति नहीं की : और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) और (ख) दामोदर घाटी निगम प्रणाली में अपर्याप्त विद्युत उत्पादन तथा कम मात्रा में विद्युत की उपलब्धता के कारण अप्रैल, 1992 से नवम्बर, 1992 के महीनों के दौरान दुर्गापुर तथा बोकारो स्टील संयंत्रों को अनेकबार प्रतिबंधित विद्युत सप्लाई करनी पड़ी थी ।

Issue of electricity bills to Government Employees in Delhi

4318. SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for new electricity connections received by DESU this year, so far, from persons residing in Government colonies in Delhi;

(b) whether all such applicants have got the electricity connection;

(c) if so, whether all these consumers have received their first electricity bill from DESU within three months;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when DESU propose to send them their first electricity bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) DESU does not maintain separate statistics about the release of electricity connections in respect of persons residing in Government colonies, since there is no separate procedure for them for grant of electricity connections. Normally, the applications for grant of new connections are disposed of within a period of 14 days. of completion of the prescribed formalities. Normally, the first electricity bill is issued within a period of six months depending upon the receipt of requisite particulars by the Computer Section. However. DESU can indicate the status of application and issue of first electricity bill in respect of any specific case brought to its notice. Possibilities of certain omissions/delays in a vast network of DESU comprising of about 18 lakh consument cannot be ruled out.

Supply of Gas to Gas based Power Projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra

4319. SHRI MURLIDHAR SHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of gas-based power projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra are pending, sanction of gas supplies or additional gas-supplies;

(b) if so, the details of their gas requirements or additional gas requirements; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in sanctioning of gas to these power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) A scheme for gas based power plant at Pipavav (615 MW) in Gujarat was cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in March, 1991 subject to certain conditions including tie-up of 2.25 MCMD gas. Since the gas linkage is yet to be tied up the scheme has not been approved by the CEA.

(c) Since surplus gas was not available for new projects, such new projects were not pursued in the CEA and the Gujarat Electricity Board as well as the Maharashtra State Electricity Board were informed accordingly. No proposal for gas based power station in Maharashtra of Gujarat is pending in CEA for techno-economic clearance for want of gas linkage.

Commissioning of Uttaran Power Station in Gujarat

4320. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttaran Power Station of Gujarat State Electricity Board is not being commissioned